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- 1. A Polish-East German barge agreement which regulates the travel of DSU agreement also regulates the travel of Polish barges into the East German inland waterways. This agreement was based on two conferences between representatives of the DSU and the Polska Zegluga na Odrze which took place in Poland during November 1954. The first conference was held by a working party which outlined the basic framework of the agreement. The first conference took place in Wroclaw (Breslau) and the East German delegation was headed by Karl Salemon, of the Hauptverwaltung Schiffahrt. This agreement in Warsaw was signed by DSU director Ziegast (fnu), who was the former director of DOS.
- 2. The DSU office in Szczecin (Stettin), which was a substation of the Stralsund district office, was liquidated on 31 December 1954 as a result of the Polish-East German barge traffic agreement. This agreement states that all administrative matters relating to East German barges in Szczecin will be handled by the representatives of the Polska Zegluga na Odrze in Szczecin. This means that a DSU to barge which comes to Szczecin with cargo will handle all of its finances, the preparation of invoices, and the receipt of new cargo through the Polska Zegluga na Odrze. It is estimated that the operation of the DSU office in Szczecin cost one million DME during 1954.

 Chief of the DSU office in Szczecin, is being transferred to duties at Anklam, East Germany.
- The barge agreement envisions that one hundred and eighty East German barges will be engaged in the traffic with Poland as of the spring of 1955. The barges assigned to this traffic are scheduled to be Class I Gross-Plauermass types but the DSU will be hard pressed to put this number of barges into service. The barges are to be engaged in a three-cornered pendulum run from Furstanberg/Oder to Wroclaw, unloading in Wroclaw and obtaining coal for Berlin-Klingenberg, unloading at Berlin-Klingenberg and proceeding to Ost-Hafen. At Ost-Hafen, cargo will be obtained for Wroclaw or Szczecin. A barge which travels from Ost-Hafen to Szczecin will receive further cargo in Szczecin.

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